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Antitrust Division
Department of Justice

Attached is a letter concerning the Microsoft Settlement.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of Microsoft's antitrust settlement with your Department of Justice. I think it is very reasonable. You should do your utmost to have it approved by the Court.

It is unfortunate that Microsoft's competitors had to resort to exploiting our legal system as their only way of staying in business. In the settlement Microsoft agrees to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers (who collectively account for the great majority of PC sales) on identical terms and conditions, including price (subject to reasonable volume discounts for computer makers who ship large volumes of Windows). Microsoft will make available to its competitors, on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms, any protocols implemented in Windows' operating system products that are used to interoperate with any Microsoft server operating system. Microsoft will not enter into any agreements obligating any third party to distribute or promote any Windows technology exclusively or in a fixed percentage.

In addition to the above, it appears that some of our "REPRESENTATIVES - ?" in Washington are being "Politically Correct" and favor those companies that support them. There are also "State Officials" trying to enhance their position and will do what they can to disrupt Microsoft.

Microsoft has given its competitors the opportunity to stay afloat. American consumers have always benefited from Microsoft's innovations.

Sincerely,

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